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To: Salmonstudy
Subject: Snake River Damn Removal

>>Dam removal must be the centerpiece of any option chosen to recover Snake River salmon -- scientists tell us that the best option to recover all species of salmon and steelhead on the Snake River is to remove these four dams;

Dear General Stock,

I am writing to express my opinions about Snake River Damn Removal. As a native of the Northwest, (I grew up in Tacoma) I have watched our salmon resource diminish year after year.

Scientists say that all species of salmon and steelhead in the Snake River are likely to be extinct by 2017 if we don't make the decision to remove these dams now.

After listening to both sides of the argument (damn removal vs. leaving them intact) I feel that restoring the salmon and the Snake River ecosystem will benefit the region economically.

I know from personal experience that having healthy salmon runs directly impacts my business. (I run guided kayak tours in the San Juan Islands of Washington State.) The resident populations of orca whales depend on the salmon that are returning to the Fraser River.

Please do the right moral and ethical thing which is to remove the damns so we can start restoring the runs that are such an important part of our great Pacific Northwest heritage.

Sincerely,

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